

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 16 November 2001
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Hawk May 2001
Other Known Titles: Hawk Magazine Volume 10 Number 5 May 2001
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Killer Joe Productions, Inc.
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Either

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept.

And

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

And

That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material.

Or

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept.

And

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

And

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Hawk May 2001* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The main content of the magazine is explicit images of naked females posing for the viewer or engaging in sexual activity with males or other females. Moderately degrading and demeaning sexual conduct is depicted throughout the magazine. There is a pronounced focus on the youthfulness of the females, however the publication is not considered to promote or support, or tend to promote or support, the exploitation of

young persons. The characters are constantly affirmed to be at least 18 years of age. The combined pictorial and textual content of the magazine, which includes large numbers of advertisements for sexual services, is moderately degrading to the females depicted and females more generally, particularly in relation to sexual matters.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they relate to the decision on this publication. Given the explicit and moderately degrading manner in which the magazine deals with sexual matters, and the magazine's intended purpose, restriction of the publication to adults is the minimum interference with freedom of expression that is consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.

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